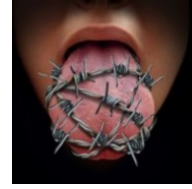


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WHY SAVE A LANGUAGE? - Review Questions

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| A. indigenous | D. cultural identity | G. repository |
| B. suppression | E. assimilate | H. revitalization |
| C. monolingual | F. accumulated | I. renegotiate |

1. D Identity or feeling of belonging to a group
 2. G a place in which something has been stored and is found in significant quantities
 3. A originating or occurring naturally in a particular place; native.
 4. I to discuss something again in order to change it
 5. B the act of forcibly ending something
 6. H the process of giving new life to something
 7. C a person or society speaking only one language
 8. E to give up your culture and blend in to a new society
 9. F gathered together in an increasing quantity
10. How many indigenous languages are now extinct? (read carefully) **Over 150**
11. How did Indian boarding schools contribute to loss of native languages? **They wouldn't let students speak native languages; even punished them if they did**
12. Some Indian parents thought it would hurt their children to still speak their native language. So what did these parents do? **Quit speaking the language to their kids**
13. Some Americans insist that if you won't speak English, you should go back to your own country. Why is this ironic to Native Americans? **Because they were here first, and have nowhere to go.**



Tell five reasons why native languages should be preserved. Below each one, as a supporting idea or example, explain the **main idea from one of the quotes** beneath it.



14. Reason 1 - **They shape and reflect cultural identity**

15. Supporting idea or example: **(answers vary)** _____

16. Reason 2 **They are storehouses of environmental knowledge**

17. Supporting idea or example: **(answers vary)** _____

18. Reason 3 **Indian names and stories give life & meaning to the world**

19. Supporting idea or example: **(answers vary)** _____

20. Reason 4 **Revitalizing native languages revitalizes native culture**

21. Supporting idea or example: **(answers vary)** _____

22. Reason 5 **It helps native students understand all languages better**

23. Supporting idea or example: **(answers vary)** _____



Read about preservation efforts on the [Osage Nation Language Department webpage](#)

1. Tell two of the ways the Osage language was in decline: **(answers vary)**

a. _____

b. _____

2. Tell two ways the Osage Language Department is working to **revitalize** the Osage language **(answers vary)**

a. _____

b. _____

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